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A HISTORY OF THE FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
1891-1966



# The First Presbyterian Church

Greenville, North Carolina.



1891-1966

Seventy-fifth Anniversary

May 11, 1966

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**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

who in some mysterious, marvelous manner  
puts to use our few talents  
and feeble efforts

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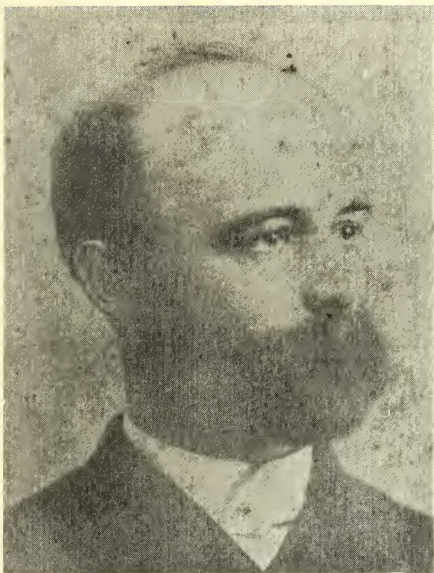
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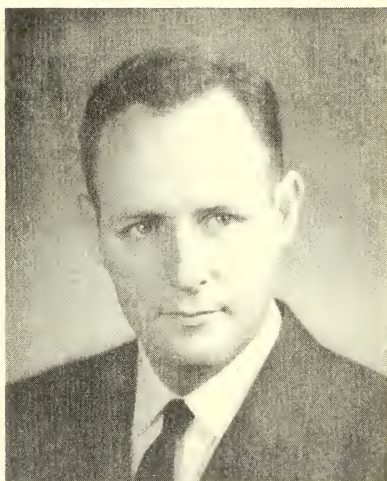
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### **OUR FIRST MINISTER**

The Reverend J. N. H. Summerell, D. D.  
1890-1895



### **OUR PRESENT MINISTERS**

The Reverend Richard Rhea Gammon  
1958 —

The Reverend Joseph Lee Pickard  
1964 —



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## **OUR ORIGINAL BUILDING**

Corner Greene Street and Dickinson Avenue

1897-1927



## **OUR PRESENT BUILDING**

Corner Fifth and Pitt Streets

1928 —



## EARLY YEARS

On April 4, 1755, the first sermon on record was delivered by the Reverend Hugh McAden, a Presbyterian missionary, in what is now Pitt county at the home of George Little, who must have lived somewhere near Pactolus. However, it seems no serious effort on the part of the Presbyterians of this area in organizing a church took place until 132 years later. That year, 1887, on a visit to Greenville the Reverend F. R. Johnston, D. D., of Orange Presbytery found the few Presbyterians living here were, indeed, interested in organizing a church.

At Dr. Johnston's request, in 1883 Albemarle Presbytery asked the Reverend J. N. H. Summerell if he would resign his pastorate of the Rocky Mount Presbyterian Church in order to begin work in Pitt County at Greenville and Falkland. Dr. Summerell started his work here in 1889, with the aid of Mrs. Ben Brown, Miss Etta Hines, Mrs. T. J. Jarvis, and J. D. Murphy. Services were held in the Methodist and Baptist churches whose members graciously granted the use of their facilities to the Presbyterians.

In 1890 the services were held in the old Perkins Opea House on Fourth Street. Here in May, 1891, the Reverend W. D. Morton conducted a meeting in which it was decided to organize a church. On May 11, 1891, the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville was organized. The seven charter members were: J. R. Moore, Jr.; B. D. Evans; Mrs. J. R. Moore; Mrs. T. J. Jarvis; Mrs. Charles McArthur; Miss Etta Hines; and Miss Myra Moore. To these were added on profession of faith: Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison and H. H. Wilson. The first Ruling Elder elected was B. D. Evans; the first Deacon elected was J. R. Moore.

In its first report to the Presbytery in 1892 the new church listed twenty-two members and thirteen nonresident members. In 1897 the membership was increased by four and the Sunday School had twenty enrolled. About this time Dr. Summerell moved to a pastorate in South Carolina.

## THE NEW BUILDING

A new church home was needed; the fourteen members decided to build one on Dickinson Avenue. Here in a grove of Maple trees the new church, a one room frame building with a Sunday School annex, was dedicated on December 19, 1897. The dedication sermon was delivered by Dr. Summerell who came from Anderson, South Carolina, for the occasion. From this time until 1903, the pulpit was filled by visiting ministers.

## YEARS OF UPS AND DOWNS: 1905-1923

The first pastor called by the congregation was the Reverend F. G. Hartman in March, 1903. The first annual report in 1904 showed a

church membership of forty-three and a Sunday School with seven teachers and thirty-six pupils. March, 1905, a Committee of Music was created; a Ladies' Missionary Society was organized; and a Mission Band consisting of fifteen boys and fifteen girls was formed.

On April 30, 1905, Mr. Hartman resigned; in June of that year the Reverend F. D. Viehe was called as supply pastor. In the fall the envelope system was adopted for church offerings. The treasurer was requested to submit to the Session at regular meetings a written statement on financial conditions of the church. On August 1, 1906, the Reverend Mr. Viehe resigned. In March, 1907, the Reverend R. E. Fultz was called as supply; he served only a few months.

During 1909 the small organ that had been in use for quite some time was sold and a larger one installed. Church membership had dropped to thirty by 1909 and the church on Dickinson Avenue seemed to be struggling for existence. When the church had no pastor, only faith and the efforts of such men as P. M. Johnston and H. B. Smith held it together.

When East Carolina Teachers' Training School (now East Carolina College) opened in 1909, it brought in among its teachers and students those of the Presbyterian faith; they infused new hope into the church. In 1910 an arrangement was made with the Kinston Presbyterian Church whereby their minister, the Reverend R. C. Deal, would come to the Greenville Presbyterian Church two Sundays a month. Mr. Deal continued to serve this church until A. G. Harris came as supply. Mr. Harris, a seminary student, served in this capacity until May, 1914; in that year he was graduated from the seminary and soon after was called as pastor. Under his leadership the congregation grew to seventy-three, with five Elders and four Deacons. A pipe organ was purchased from the First Presbyterian Church of Durham, a new addition made to the church building, and a heating plant installed. In 1917, after serving for three and a half years, the Reverend Mr. Harris resigned to accept a call to Birmingham, Alabama.

The Reverend S. K. Phillips of Oxford was called in September, 1917, and in November was formally installed as pastor. Shortly afterwards he requested a leave of absence to serve in the Y. M. C. A. work for the United States Army. After his return from this duty Mr. Phillips served until September, 1922, when he resigned to accept a call to the Highland Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville. He left behind a record of many achievements: The membership then totaled 147; much work had been done for the young people; several mission points had been established; and two nearby churches organized.

### **1923-1933**

After the departure of Mr. Phillips the church on Dickinson Avenue was without a pastor for six months. The Reverend W. S. Harden of Columbia, South Carolina, was extended a call in the early spring of 1923; he accepted and came to Greenville in April.

With the growth of the church a larger building was needed, so in October, 1924, definite steps were taken by the congregation to procure a new church edifice. A lot on the corner of Fifth and Pitt Streets was given through the generosity of E. B. Ficklen, C. W. Harvey, A. M. Moseley, and G. V. Smith.

Shortly afterwards the present red building began to take shape. The cornerstone was laid by Dr. J. N. H. Summerell, who some thirty-six years earlier had been pastor of the young church. The Woman's Auxiliary purchased a new pipe organ for \$5,100, and the first service was held in the new building on January 8, 1928.

The Reverend Mr. Harden served the church for eleven years, years of dedicated service and growth. At the time of his death on December 9, 1933, the church roll consisted of 251 members and 242 in the Sunday School.

### **THE REVEREND R. C. GRADY, 1934-1938**

From the time of Mr. Harden's death until the following December the church was without a minister. During this period a supply pastor filled the pulpit. The Reverend R. C. Grady of Wilmington was called in November, 1934; he began his work with the church on December 1, 1934.

During Mr. Grady's term as pastor the rotary system of election of church officers was inaugurated and worship services were modeled along traditional Presbyterian lines. The number of communion services was increased from quarterly to bimonthly celebrations. A Junior Choir was organized and a lending library begun for young people and adults. On November 22, 1936, the building completed nine years prior was dedicated to the glory of God.

On April 24, 1938, Mr. Grady resigned, effective September 1. A committee with J. S. Ficklen as chairman was appointed to secure a pastor. The Reverend R. S. Boyd, D. D., of Columbus, Georgia, was approached on the matter.

### **DR. R. S. BOYD, 1939-1947**

On January 22, 1939, Dr. Boyd accepted the call issued by the congregation and became the sixteenth minister to serve the first Presbyterian Church of Greenville. During his eight years as pastor wonderful work was accomplished.

In June, 1939, the Men's Bible Class became interested in the Meadowbrook section of Greenville. The Session approved the establishment of a Sunday School there. Later a chapel was erected on a lot given by N. O. Warren. The Sunday School grew rapidly and the people were interested in organizing a church. The Presbytery was

petitioned and on October 4, 1942, the church was organized with fifty charter members, two Elders and three Deacons were elected. Due to the fast growth in membership, a Sunday School building was added to the chapel and a manse erected. Soon the church voted to have a full time pastor.

Dr. Boyd, possessed with a missionary zeal and seeing a great need in this county for more churches, in 1943 reorganized the church at Hollywood on the New Bern Highway; it had twenty-six charter members. A year later a church was organized at Chicod; in 1951 a brick church was completed. One pastor served both churches. On July 27, 1947, a church was organized on the Falkland Highway about six miles from Greenville. The fifty charter members of this church, in honor and love for Dr. Boyd, named their church Boyd Memorial Presbyterian church.

During Dr. Boyd's stay in Greenville the church grew steadily. When he came in 1939, the church had a membership of 218, with 234 enrolled in Sunday School, and total contributions of \$5,121. In 1947 the church reported 469 members, 341 enrolled in Sunday School, and contributions totaling \$15,831. New pews, choir curtains, and carpet were placed in the sanctuary. But Dr. Boyd's work here was nearing its end; he advised the church officers in February that he would retire. He was asked to stay if possible until June, and on April 20 he read his resignation to the congregation, the effective date to be July 1, 1947. After he retired from his duties as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, he and Mrs. Boyd left to make their home in Laurinburg.

### **THE REVEREND LEONARD W. TOPPING, 1947-1957**

In the early part of summer, 1947, a committee was elected to secure a replacement for Dr. Boyd. In a congregational meeting held September 7, 1947, E. W. Harvey, Jr., Chairman, reported the Pulpit Committee recommended a call be extended to the Reverend Leonard W. Topping of Griffin, Georgia. The congregation voted unanimously to accept the committee's recommendation. Mr. Topping, together with Mrs. Topping, their daughter, Ruth Evelyn, and their son, Wesley, moved to Greenville in October.

Under Mr. Topping's ministry the church continued to grow steadily and continued its outreach into the community. An outpost Sunday School was begun in the West Greenville area and a great deal of enthusiasm was shown. In June, 1952, Mr. Topping announced to the Session that the West Greenville Sunday School had petitioned Albemarle Presbytery to be organized into a church. This was accomplished with fifty-seven charter members. Later in the year a gift of \$3,750 from Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Minges enabled the young church to purchase three lots on which a building was later erected.

The needs for greater Christian Education facilities were keenly felt, and in a congregational meeting held October 2, 1949, it was



voted to build an educational building on the lot adjacent to the church. This lot was given by Mrs. E. B. Ficklen, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ficklen, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy V. Smith. Plans for the new building were presented by Jesse R. Moye in September, 1950, and approved by the congregation. The following June the congregation approved low bids totaling \$100,051.50; in November, 1952, J. S. Ficklen, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported the building completed and it was accepted by the congregation and it has continued to serve children, youth, and adults through the years. At a meeting of the Session held December 11, 1960, Jesse R. Moye reported all indebtedness on the building had been paid.

In the fall of 1950 the Session took note of the approaching Sixtieth Anniversary of the church the following May, and Mrs. E. W. Harvey, Sr., was requested to serve as Church Historian and bring the history of the church up to date. An attractive brochure was prepared and the occasion celebrated with great enthusiasm.

During these years the little East Carolina Teachers' College was rapidly changing into East Carolina College. Mr. and Mrs. Topping opened the Manse to the students and each Sunday evening conducted the activities of the Westminster Fellowship in their living room. One result of the close association the Toppings had with young people was that Roy Taylor became the first member of this church to offer himself as a candidate for the ministry. It was with pleasure that the church undertook to assist him financially, and J. Bryan Brown served as chairman of a committee to raise special funds for this purpose. The Reverend Mr. Taylor is now pastor of the Bunnlevel Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville Presbytery.

On Sunday, May 19, 1957, the pastor announced to the congregation his desire to accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, to become associate pastor. It was with sad hearts that church members voted to concur with him in his request to Albemarle Presbytery that the pastoral relationship with the church be dissolved.

The years of Mr. Topping's pastorate saw the First Presbyterian Church continue the sound growth and progress it had enjoyed during former years. No longer was it a weak, struggling church on shaky footing. At the close of the church year it reported 537 members, 496 enrolled in Sunday School, and total contributions of \$46,066. Contributions to benevolences alone were \$15,826, an amount equal to the total budget of the church ten years before. Surely the Lord was performing a marvelous work through His people.

Following the resignation of Mr. Topping the congregation elected a Pulpit Nominating Committee consisting of F. Badger Johnston, Chairman, Jesse R. Moye, Robert Elks, Bancroft F. Moseley, Mrs. Roy Coburn and Mrs. Fred B. Haar. Mrs. Haar was later replaced by Mrs. J. Bryan Brown. Ruling Elder Hunter B. Keck was named Moderator **Pro Tem** of



the Session. The church was greatly assisted during this period by the Reverend Thomas M. Davis, General Secretary of Albemarle Presbytery.

The manse located on East Ninth Street and which had served so many ministers and their families was sold to the Synod of North Carolina to be used as a Presbyterian Student Center at East Carolina College, for a sum of \$12,000. Today, known affectionately to students as "The Den," it is a center of a beehive of exciting activity under the capable and imaginative leadership of the Reverend Bronson Matney, Jr., the first full time Campus Minister to Presbyterian students and faculty.

While the search for a minister went on, the church was wonderfully blessed by the supply ministry of the Reverend J. G. Joyce, D. D., a retired minister of the Congregational Church of Canada. Dr. and Mrs. Joyce came in January, 1958, and remained until the end of May. During these brief months this dedicated man of God did much to captivate the hearts of the congregation. Twenty-eight new members were added to the church during this time.

Another forward step was taken by the church when it was decided to employ a church secretary rather than have the secretarial duties performed by the Director of Christian Education. Mrs. Joseph N. LeConte became the first secretary in 1958 and has served faithfully for the past eight years.

### THE GAMMON YEARS, 1958—

At the close of the morning worship on Sunday, April 27, 1958, a congregational meeting was held to receive the report of the Pulpit Nominating Committee. The congregation extended a unanimous call to the Reverend Richard Rhea Gammon, then pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Tennessee. At the same meeting the congregation voted to purchase a lot on South Elm Street for \$4,500 on which to construct a new manse. A temporary residence for the new minister and his family was rented on South Woodlawn Avenue.

With their daughter, Flora MacDonald (Donna), Mr. and Mrs. Gammon arrived early in June. On the second Sunday of the month the Session's Moderator **Pro Tem**, Hunter B. Keck, introduced the new minister and his family. At a congregational meeting held the following week, Dr. Ray D. Minges, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, reported on tentative plans for the new manse and the congregation voted to proceed with construction of a house costing approximately \$25,000, with the trustees of the church authorized to borrow up to \$18,000 for the construction. The contract was awarded to the H. T. Chapin Construction Company.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1959, a Consecration Service was held for the new manse. The Chairman of the Board of Deacons and the Chairman of the Building Committee, F. Harding Sugg and J. Howard

Moye, presented the keys to the pastor. An open house followed, attended by a large number from the congregation and other friends of the church.

At the recommendation of Mrs. Dink James, Chairman of the Music Committee, the Session voted to replace the old blue PRESBYTERIAN HYMNALS and THE HYMNBOOK. Copies were given by members in memory of friends and loved ones. On Sunday, November 29, 1959, a service of dedication of the new hymnals was held.

As the city of Greenville and East Carolina College continued to enjoy a rapid growth, the officers of the church began to realize that they must begin thinking in terms of future expansion. The structure erected in 1928 and the educational building completed in 1952 were beginning to show signs of overcrowding. At a joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons held on July 12, 1959, a motion was adopted that the Planning and Improvement Committee be requested to investigate and recommend a suitable site for the building of a new church. It was not specified at the time whether this should be a site for starting a new daughter church of the First Presbyterian Church or for the relocation of the present church. The committee consisted of: J. Howard Moye, Chairman; James C. Lanier, Jr.; William N. Moore; F. Harding Sugg; Dr. Ray D. Minges; Jesse R. Moye; A. B. Stallworth; Mrs. J. Bryan Brown; and Mrs. Fred B. Haar.

On February 5, 1961, J. Howard Moye, Chairman of the Planning and Improvement Committee reported to the Session and Board of Deacons the property on the corner of South Elm and East Fourteenth Streets, consisting of 2.83 acres, could be secured for a sum of approximately \$40,000. The congregation voted to purchase this property at a meeting on June 4. Following further studies by the committee, the following recommendations were made to the congregation on November 12, 1961: That the newly acquired property be used for the relocation of the First Presbyterian Church; that at the time of the relocation the present site of First Presbyterian Church be used to the best interest of Presbyterianism in Greenville, either by sale or through continued use as a Presbyterian Church.

Thus began a series of events which has brought the church to the point of embarking on the thrilling experience of constructing a new home for its base of operations in the worship and service of God. With the decision to relocate a Planning Council was elected by the congregation: Dr. S. R. Bartlett, Hubert H. Bryant, Mrs. I. B. Koonce, Mrs. Ray D. Minges, Mrs. Bancroft F. Moseley, J. Howard Moye, Charles L. Price, and F. Harding Sugg. Following several months with Dr. Bartlett as chairman, Dr. Price took over these responsibilities.

In May, 1962, the Session heard a proposal from J. T. Snowden, Jr., Manager of Radio Station WGTC (now WNCT) inviting the First Presbyterian Church to broadcast its services every Sunday morning at a cost of \$10.00 per Sunday. This arrangement has continued ever

since as an opportunity for the church to extend its ministry and witness throughout the community and surrounding area. Many expressions of appreciation for this ministry have proven it worthwhile.

Since the early 1920's Mrs. G. V. (Mary) Smith has served most devotedly and capably as church organist; she is an extremely talented musician who has given her artistic ability to the service of God. On July 7, 1962, Carl T. Hjortsvang, D. S. M., an exemplary Christian, became Minister of Music and under his excellent and dedicated leadership the ministry through music has broadened in scope and a full program of church choirs has been developed.

Several events of note were recorded during the year 1964. At the January Session meeting the desirability of holding two worship services each Sunday morning was discussed. In view of the crowded conditions of the sanctuary the Session voted to initiate this practice, enabling the church to provide worship opportunities for a larger number of people. At times the combined congregations of both services could be seated for one service; at other times the total number in attendance at both services would be far too great to be seated at one time.

At the July, 1964, meeting of the Session Chairman Hubert H. Bryant of the Christian Education Committee brought that committee's recommendation to the Session that Joseph Lee Pickard, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, with a Master's Degree in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, be called as Minister of Education and Assistant Pastor. Mr. Pickard accepted the call and with Mrs. Pickard moved to Greenville in July. He was ordained by Albemarle Presbytery on September 27, 1964. Both the Rev. Mr. Pickard and his wife have endeared themselves to the congregation and community through their contribution to the work of the church.

The congregation's thoughtfulness and generosity was evidenced by a gift to the pastor enabling him to travel to Brazil the summer of 1964 to visit his mother, Mrs. Samuel Rhea Gammon, a retired missionary of the Presbyterian Church.

At the meeting of the General Assembly of 1964 the **Book of Church Order** was revised, permitting the ordination of women as officers in the church. That fall the congregation elected Mrs. Hubert H. Bryant to serve on the Board of Deacons; she was ordained on the first Sunday in 1965, thus becoming the first woman to serve as an officer in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville.

In their first meeting of 1966 the Session was reminded that on May 11 the church would reach the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. The Planning and Research Committee, Hunter B. Keck, Chairman, was put in charge of planning for this event. The Reverend Leonard W. Topping, former minister of the church, was invited to preach the sermon on Sunday, May 15, and the Reverend Roy Taylor,



the only son of the church in the active ministry, was invited to have part in that service. The Reverend B. Frank Hall, D. D., of Wilmington was invited to speak at a congregational dinner on Wednesday, May 11, the actual anniversary of the church's founding. He was asked to speak on "The Challenge of the Future."

Under the inspiration and guidance of the Reverend Richard Rhea Gammon the church has experienced an era of spiritual growth and economic soundness. In the year of his arrival the church roll listed 537 and the Church School 499. Total contributions that year were \$46,066. On December 31, 1965, there were 648 on the church roll and the Church School enrollment was 596. Contributions reached a new high of \$74,830. From the time Mr. Gammon came in June, 1958, until the close of the 1965 church year, the congregation contributed \$465,368 to all causes; of this amount \$158,255 was for the benevolent work of the church.

## CONCLUSION

As the church celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary, we should pay tribute to those of earlier years who worked so hard and faithfully laying the foundations on which we continue to build today. An exhaustive list of all these would be an impossibility, for each in his or her way made a valuable contribution, just as those today are continuing to serve. We are indebted to those "men of the cloth" whose guidance and inspiration during these three quarters of a century have been stepping stones along the way.

It has been a long time since that May Sunday of 1891 when that faithful few, meeting in the old opera house, launched the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville.

From this distance theirs seems to have been a placid era, when time was a relative thing, tied to nothing faster than a river boat's paddle, the hooves of a horse, or perhaps a train's wheels, and the passing of the seasons. So different it must have been from our generation of hurry, fret, and fear!

And if the rich promises of our Lord had real meaning then, how much more should they today? For, of a truth, He is the same today as He was yesterday, and He will be the same tomorrow. He is the Light of the World, a safe and sure beacon to show us the way down the avenue of the years. Amen.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude our indebtedness to Mrs. E. W. Harvey, Sr., from whose brochure prepared for the Sixtieth Anniversary much information was gleaned; E. W. Harvey, Jr., Clerk of Session, and Mrs. J. A. Watson, Historian for the Women of the Church, for other valuable information and accurate records.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Organized as a Congregation .....	May 11, 1891
Sunday School Organized .....	1894
First Church Building and Sunday School Dedicated .....	December 19, 1897
Women's Work Organized .....	1900
Ladies' Missionary Society and Mission Band .....	1905
Procurement of Lot for New Building .....	1924
Pipe Organ Purchased .....	1928
First Service in New Church .....	January 8, 1928
Rotary System for Election of Officers .....	1935
Dedication of New Church .....	November 22, 1936
Meadowbrook Organized .....	1942
Hollywood Organized .....	1943
Chicod Organized .....	1944
Boyd Memorial Organized .....	1947
West Greenville Established .....	1950
Sixtieth Anniversary Celebrated .....	May 11, 1951
West Greenville Organized .....	June, 1952
Educational Building Completed .....	November, 1952
New Manse Consecrated .....	April, 1959
Educational Building Debt Paid .....	December, 1960
Purchase of New Property .....	February, 1961
Decision to Build New Church .....	November 12, 1961
Seventy-fifth Anniversary .....	May 11, 1966

## EVANGELISTS, PASTORS, AND SUPPLIES

J. N. H. Summerell .....	Evangelist .....	1890-1895
W. D. Morton .....	Evangelist .....	
R. W. Hines .....	Evangelist .....	1894-1897
E. D. Brown .....	Evangelist .....	1896-1900
F. H. Johnston .....	Evangelist .....	
J. B. Morton .....	Supply .....	May, 1897-June, 1902
F. G. Hartman .....	Pastor .....	March, 1903-April, 1905
F. D. Viehe .....	Pastor .....	June, 1905-August, 1906
R. E. Fultz .....	Supply .....	1907
R. C. Deal .....	Pastor .....	1910
A. G. Harris .....	Pastor .....	December, 1914-July, 1917
S. K. Phillips .....	Pastor .....	September, 1917-September, 1922
W. S. Harden .....	Pastor .....	April, 1923-December, 1933
J. R. Potts .....	Supply .....	1933-1934
R. C. Grady .....	Pastor .....	November, 1934-September, 1938
R. S. Boyd .....	Pastor .....	March, 1939-August, 1947
L. W. Topping .....	Pastor .....	November, 1947-July, 1957
J. G. Joyce .....	Supply .....	January, 1958-June, 1958
R. R. Gammon .....	Pastor .....	June, 1958-
J. L. Pickard .....	Asst. Pastor .....	July, 1964-



## CLERKS OF SESSION

B. D. Evans .....	May, 1892-June, 1902
E. B. Ficklen .....	February, 1903-April, 1903
The Rev. F. G. Hartman .....	May, 1903-April, 1905
P. M. Johnston .....	April, 1905-December, 1917
B. W. Moseley .....	June, 1917-August, 1942
E. W. Harvey, Jr. ....	March, 1943-

## MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

The Rev. Lawrence G. Calhoun, ThD., and Mrs. Calhoun

## CHURCH SECRETARY

Mrs. Joseph N. LeConte

## SEXTON

William Enoch

## RULING ELDERS

The following men have served as Ruling Elders of the First Presbyterian Church from the beginning up to the present:

B. D. Evans	F. B. Haar	L. T. Shotwell
E. B. Ficklen	F. J. Diener	F. B. Johnson
J. R. Moore	G. A. Brown	W. M. Johnston
P. M. Johnston	J. N. Harrison	B. G. Gardner
W. B. Dove	E. W. Harvey, Sr.	B. F. Moseley
H. B. Smith	N. S. Beard	J. H. Moyer
R. R. Fleming	H. B. Keck	D. A. Blue
C. L. Porter	W. S. Brown	W. N. Moore
B. W. Moseley	H. M. Holbert	G. E. Trevathan, Jr.
C. W. Harvey	J. R. Moyer	J. N. LeConte
W. C. Dresbach	R. A. Coburn	J. S. Jenkins
E. C. Winstead	E. W. Harvey, Jr.	W. E. Roseveare
Jesse Chambers	W. T. Kyzer	S. R. Bartlett
G. V. Smith	L. F. Stokes	J. F. Webb
J. S. Ficklen	A. E. Gibson	H. H. Bryant
N. O. Warren	C. K. Beatty	Scott Forbis
Dink James	W. E. Stokes	R. M. Helms
R. S. McGeachy	S. L. Daughtridge	R. D. Minges
R. C. Deal	W. G. Glass	Clarence Stasavich
S. M. Crisp	J. O. Reynolds	

## DEACONS

The following have served as Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church from the beginning until the present:

J. R. Moore	R. A. Coburn	R. M. Helms
J. B. Hughes	Pierson Hassell	H. L. Lewis, Jr.
P. M. Johnston	W. N. Spruill	Stanley Walter
C. W. Harvey	Clifton Stokes	R. D. Minges
B. W. Moseley	J. Christenbury	G. E. Trevathan, Jr.
C. C. Vines	H. D. Irving	H. A. Allen, Jr.
H. H. Wells	W. T. Kyzer	McDonald Carr
W. S. Elliott	J. D. Hice	B. P. Little
G. V. Smith	S. L. Daughtridge	C. E. Whitfield
R. E. Pittman	L. T. Shotwell	J. F. Webb
J. G. Moyer	W. C. Clark, Jr.	F. R. Atkinson
C. L. Porter	Odell Calhoun	J. B. Surles
N. O. Warren	W. M. Johnston	M. P. Bailey, Jr.
J. C. Oates	F. L. Gammon	J. C. Gates
J. S. Ficklen	S. V. Morton, Jr.	J. T. Forrest
J. P. Rowlett	J. Con Lanier	D. A. Johnston
W. H. Rogers	J. A. Watson	R. W. Leith
E. W. Harvey, Sr.	C. K. Beatty	J. C. Lanier, Jr.
W. C. Dresbach	C. P. Pierce	F. L. Davison
J. J. Summerell	J. O. Reynolds	E. M. Petrie
Dink James	J. S. Jenkins	W. E. Sipfle
G. A. Brown	D. A. Blue	J. E. Sutton
A. B. Stallworth	T. G. Dill	T. L. Broadrick
S. M. Crisp	G. C. Honeycutt	M. L. Faulkner
J. Bryan Brown	M. O. Minges	J. S. Grimes, III
E. W. Harvey, Jr.	Harvey Clayton	M. R. Joyner
J. T. Clifton	W. W. Brown	J. E. Smith
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## **WOMEN'S WORK**

Just as a group of women accompanied Jesus in His ministry through Galilee and Judea, quietly rendering a ministry of service and love, so the women have been a vital part of the life and work of the First Presbyterian Church. At times they have borne the brunt of the work, performing essential service projects, enabling the church to keep going during difficult days. Always the women have contributed those extra services, adding grace and charm to the total life of the church. Without their faithful and devoted work, the accomplishments

of the church during its seventy-five years would have been greatly reduced, if indeed possible.

Beginning as the Ladies' Aid Society sometime prior to 1900, the organized work then became known as the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. The Woman's Auxiliary came into being in 1920; in 1948 the official name was changed to the Women of the Church.

### **Ladies' Aid Society Presidents**

Mrs. T. J. Jarvis .....	1900
Mrs. P. M. Johnston .....	1908
Mrs. J. G. Moye .....	1914
Mrs. G. V. (Florence) Smith .....	1917

### **The Woman's Auxiliary Presidents**

Mrs. N. O. Warren .....	1920
Mrs. E. W. Harvey, Sr. ....	1924
Mrs. C. W. Harvey .....	1926
Mrs. Charles Horne .....	1929
Mrs. R. C. Deal .....	1931
Mrs. E. W. Harvey, Sr. ....	1933
Mrs. Carey Warren .....	1935
Mrs. Harvey Clayton .....	1938
Mrs. Charles Horne .....	1940
Mrs. R. C. Deal .....	1941
Mrs. A. E. Gibson .....	1943
Mrs. Dink James .....	1945

### **The Women of the Church Presidents**

Mrs. J. Bryan Brown .....	1947
Mrs. J. S. Jenkins .....	1949
Mrs. I. B. Koonce .....	1951
Mrs. Lawrence Smith .....	1953
Mrs. H. H. Bryant .....	1955
Mrs. J. Howard Moye .....	1957
Mrs. W. E. Roseveare .....	1959
Mrs. J. Bryan Brown .....	1960
Mrs. F. R. Atkinson .....	1962
Mrs. Ralph Brimley .....	1964
Mrs. H. H. Bryant .....	1964
Mrs. John D. Grier, President-Elect .....	1966

## PRESBYTERY PERSONNEL

Because of its strategic location at the center of Albemarle Presbytery, the First Presbyterian Church has been fortunate in having closely associated with its life the leaders in Church Extension and Christian Education in Albemarle Presbytery and their families.

### Superintendents of Home Missions

The Rev. F. H. Scattergood  
The Rev. H. H. Leach  
The Rev. A. J. Crane  
The Rev. H. M. McDiarmid

### General Secretaries

The Rev. J. W. Hassell  
The Rev. Thomas M. Davis

### Area Directors of Christian Education

Miss Patricia Stapleton  
Miss Mildred Mallard

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY: 1891-1966 1891-1951

Added on Profession of Faith .....	599
Added by Letter .....	866
Adult Baptisms .....	379
Infant Baptisms .....	215

### 1951-1966

Added on Profession of Faith .....	157
Added by Letter .....	576
Adult Baptisms .....	114
Infant Baptisms .....	167

### Total Additions

Added on Profession of Faith .....	756	
Added by Letter .....	<u>1,442</u>	
TOTAL ADDITIONS 1891-1966 .....		2,198

### Total Baptisms

Adult Baptisms .....	493	
Infant Baptisms .....	<u>382</u>	
TOTAL BAPTISMS 1891-1966 .....		875

### Contributions

1891-1951 Contributions .....	\$392,780	
1951-1966 Contributions .....	<u>780,732</u>	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 1891-1966 .....		\$1,173,512







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